

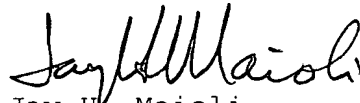
REMARKS

Claims 1-37 have been canceled and new claims 38-47 have been added.

This application is a division of application serial No. 09/046,693 filed March 24, 1998.

An early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
COOPER & DUNHAM LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jay H. Maioli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jay" and last name "Maioli" clearly distinguishable.

Jay H. Maioli  
Reg. No. 27, 213

JHM/PCF:tb